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In re Application of: **Mark Leach**

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For: **Method and System for Monitoring and
Transmitting Utility Status Via a
Universal Communications Interface**

Art Unit: **2181**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed April 20, 2001, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the appended remarks.

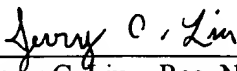
AMENDMENTS

The requested amendment to the present application is presented below with instructions for entry.

In the Specification:

Please insert before the first paragraph of the application, which is on page 1 line 15, the following heading and paragraph:

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